

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of processing information, associated with an information source, in accordance with a browser, the method comprising the steps of:

obtaining information from the information source; and

preventing a user from interacting with a displayed first portion of the received information until after a second portion of the received information is sufficiently loaded, said prevention occurring after a determination is made that the second portion depends on the first portion, otherwise, permitting the user to interact with the displayed first portion regardless of whether the second portion is sufficiently loaded.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the preventing step further comprises instructing the user to wait to interact with the first portion until after the second portion is sufficiently loaded, when the determination is made that the second portion depends on the first portion.

4. (Currently Amended) A method of processing information, associated with an information source, in accordance with a browser, the method comprising the steps of:

obtaining information from the information source; and

preventing a user from interacting with a displayed first portion of the received information until after a second portion of the received information is sufficiently loaded. ~~The method of claim 1,~~ wherein the preventing step further comprises rendering the displayed first portion inactive until after the second portion is sufficiently loaded.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the second portion is sufficiently loaded when it is fully loaded.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the browser is implemented on a client computer system.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the browser comprises a web browser.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the information source comprises at least one server computer system.

9. (Currently Amended) A method of processing information, associated with an information source, in accordance with a browser, the method comprising the steps of:

obtaining information from the information source in accordance with an application, wherein the application comprises at least one subapplication; and

upon a request made to the subapplication, determining whether a current page of the application is loaded;

when the current page is fully loaded, preserving data associated with the current page before loading the subapplication; and

when the current page is not fully loaded, loading the subapplication without preserving data associated with the current page

~~preserving data provided in accordance with a user while interacting with a first portion of the application before loading a second portion of the application requested by the user.~~

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the preserving step further comprises storing the user provided data in at least one of a session object and a hidden frame.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of retrieving the preserved data when the user returns ~~to the first portion of the~~ from the subapplication.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Canceled).

14. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the browser is implemented on a client computer system.

15. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the browser comprises a web browser.

16. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the information source comprises at least one server computer system.

17. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for processing information, associated with an information source, in accordance with a browser, the apparatus comprising:

a memory; and

at least one processor coupled to the memory and operative to: (i) obtain information from the information source; and (ii) prevent a user from interacting with a displayed first portion of the received information until after a second portion of the received information is sufficiently loaded, said prevention occurring after a determination is made that the second portion depends on the first portion, otherwise, permitting the user to interact with the displayed first portion regardless of whether the second portion is sufficiently loaded.

18. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for processing information, associated with an information source, in accordance with a browser, the apparatus comprising:

a memory; and

at least one processor coupled to the memory and operative to: (i) obtain information from the information source in accordance with an application, wherein the application comprises at least one subapplication; and (ii) upon a request made to the subapplication, determine whether a current page of the application is loaded; (iii) when the current page is fully loaded, preserve data

associated with the current page before loading the subapplication; and (iv) when the current page is not fully loaded, load the subapplication without preserving data associated with the current page
~~preserve data provided in accordance with a user while interacting with a first portion of the application before loading a second portion of the application requested by the user.~~

19. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture for processing information, associated with an information source, in accordance with a browser, comprising a machine readable medium containing one or more programs which when executed implement the steps of:

obtaining information from the information source; and

preventing a user from interacting with a displayed first portion of the received information until after a second portion of the received information is sufficiently loaded, said prevention occurring after a determination is made that the second portion depends on the first portion, otherwise, permitting the user to interact with the displayed first portion regardless of whether the second portion is sufficiently loaded.

20. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture for processing information, associated with an information source, in accordance with a browser, comprising a machine readable medium containing one or more programs which when executed implement the steps of:

obtaining information from the information source in accordance with an application, wherein the application comprises at least one subapplication; and

upon a request made to the subapplication, determining whether a current page of the application is loaded;

when the current page is fully loaded, preserving data associated with the current page before loading the subapplication; and

when the current page is not fully loaded, loading the subapplication without preserving data associated with the current page

~~preserving data provided in accordance with a user while interacting with a first portion of the application before loading a second portion of the application requested by the user.~~